



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	22-0010 Severe Weather 21MAR
Date	March 22, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM March 21 to 8:00 AM March 22, 2022
Report Number	1

Regions Affected

DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 5, 6
DDCs Active	

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On March 21, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to mobilize state resources in anticipation of severe weather and flash flooding that is expected to impact areas of Texas beginning Monday afternoon into the early morning hours of Tuesday. Threats from the severe storms moving across Central, North, and East Texas could bring large hail, damaging winds, flash flooding, and the potential for tornadoes. Additionally, the state continues to support firefighting efforts in response to wildfires across Texas.

The following state assets have been mobilized in support of the severe weather response:

- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service - Texas A&M Task Force One and Texas Task Force Two (TX-TF1 & 2): Two Urban Search and Rescue Teams and four Swiftwater Boat Squads
- Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): Saw crews on standby
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): Texas Game Warden Swiftwater Boat Rescue Teams
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): Texas Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Severe Weather Packages.

The Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) is activated at Level II Escalated Response in support of severe weather.

Texans are urged to follow these flood preparedness and safety tips during severe weather events:

- Know types of flood risk in your area. Visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center for information here: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>.
- Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Build an emergency supply kit. For more information on how to build a kit, visit: <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.
- Purchase or renew a flood insurance policy. Homeowner's policies do not cover flooding. It typically takes up to 30 days for a policy to go into effect so the time to buy is well before a disaster. Get flood coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container. Create password-protected digital copies.
- Protect your property. Move valuables to higher levels. Declutter drains and gutters. Install check valves. Consider a sump pump with a battery.
- Be extremely cautious of any water on roads or in creeks, streams, storm drains, or other areas – never attempt to cross flowing streams or drive across flooded roadways and always observe road barricades placed for your protection. Remember, "Turn Around Don't Drown".

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

DDC 4 – Hurst (Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties)

Denton County: [Tornado touched down near the City of Carrollton.](#)

DDC 4 – Garland (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall Counties)

[High winds damaged roofs and uprooted trees around the DFW airport and the Carrollton area.](#)

DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River and Titus Counties)

Cass County: Cass County Sheriff's Office requested assistance in Queen City storm damage has been reported with multiple trees down and persons trapped.

DDC 6 – Tyler (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 will move to a Level III (increased readiness) for severe weather and winter weather.

Henderson County: Henderson County EOC is activated to Level III.

City of Athens in Henderson County reporting several power lines down and broken tree limbs from storm front.

Marion County: Lake of the Pines: Reported RV trailers overturned near City of Gilmer.

Rusk County: Rusk County EOC is activated to Level II. Rusk County is reporting multiple trees down in the area high winds have taken out the South Fire Radio Tower which is affecting communications in the area.

City of Tatum: Lightning struck a natural gas well resulting in an explosion and fire no injuries have been reported.

Smith County: Smith County ESD #2 EOC is activated to Level III.
City of Whitehouse EOC is activated to Level III.

Upshur County: Upshur County EMC opened the basement of the Courthouse for citizens that needed a storm shelter. Upshur EMC Reporting damages around Hwy 271-Eagle Rd-to Hwy 300 and 154 - East of Gilmer this damage is preventing Emergency Responders to access residences of persons that have sustained injuries.

City of Gilmer: Reports that a tornado touched down.

DDC 22 – Sherman (Includes: Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties)

Cooke County: Tornado touched down near the City of Gainesville in Cooke County. Cooke County submitted a Disaster Summary Outline on 21 March 2022.

Grayson County: Tornado touched down near the City of Gordonville. Tornado touched down near the City of Sherwood Shores. A fatality has been reported in the community of Sherwood Shores in Grayson County. DPS helicopter was on scene to determine damage in Sherwood Shores in Grayson County.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 13 – Bryan (Includes: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington Counties)

Brazos County: Tornado touched down Southwest of College Station in Brazos County.

Madison County: The City of Madisonville has reported that structures have been damaged throughout the city including the Son-Shine Outreach Center.

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity, and Tyler Counties)

Nacogdoches County: State Highway 204 and several county roads have been reported as being closed due to debris. One home has been reported damaged, in the Cushing community one injury was reported.

Houston County: Probable tornadic activity in Houston County around 10:45 PM critically injured 3 persons and caused damage to approximately 30 homes. Approximately 6300 residents without power in Houston County - the City of Crockett is without power. Crockett Civic Center continues to serve as the shelter, hosting 60-70 residents. Updates on length of shelter being open will be provided. Additional impacts reported in the Cushing community, to include heavy debris with impacts to county roads and (1) injured person, non-life threatening.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler Counties)

DDC 1 is activated to Readiness Level III (increased readiness).

7 ISDs have scheduled 2 hour delayed start to their school day on Tuesday due to winter weather effecting the district.

DDC 3 – Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young Counties)

Jack County: Tornado debris field in Jacksboro approximately 10-15 miles long, 1/2 mile wide from Barton Chapel Rd to Hwy 59. TPWD in Jack County responded to

Jacksboro to assist with search and rescue efforts. Tornado damaged schools in Jacksboro the students were taking shelter within the structure itself.

Montague County: Tornado touched down near the City of Bowie. City of Bowie Submitted Disaster Declaration on 21 March 2022.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 12 – Austin (Includes: Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson Counties)

Caldwell County: Tornado touched down near the City of Luling.

Travis County:

City of Elgin: Reports of a tornado touch down in Elgin. Oncor temporarily supplied power to Water Treatment Plant until repairs can be made today for downed powerlines. Reports of downed powerlines and severe roof damage along US Hwy 290.

Williamson County:

City of Granger: Tornado touched down near Granger.

City of Round Rock: Tornado touched down in the city. Reports of an overturned semi-truck and trees uprooted after tornado touched down in Round Rock. Reports of businesses damaged within the Round Rock City Limits. A woman was rescued from a collapsed structure in Round Rock. Numerous homes reported to have been damaged.

DDC 18 – San Antonio (Includes: Bandera, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties)

Guadalupe County: Tornado touched down near the City of Kingsbury.

DDC 23 – Killeen (Includes: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba Counties)

Bell County: Tornado touched down on Ft. Hood. Ft. Hood reported their weather radar potentially damaged.

Milam County: Tornado touched down near the City of Rockdale.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Texas A&M University System (TAMUS): Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

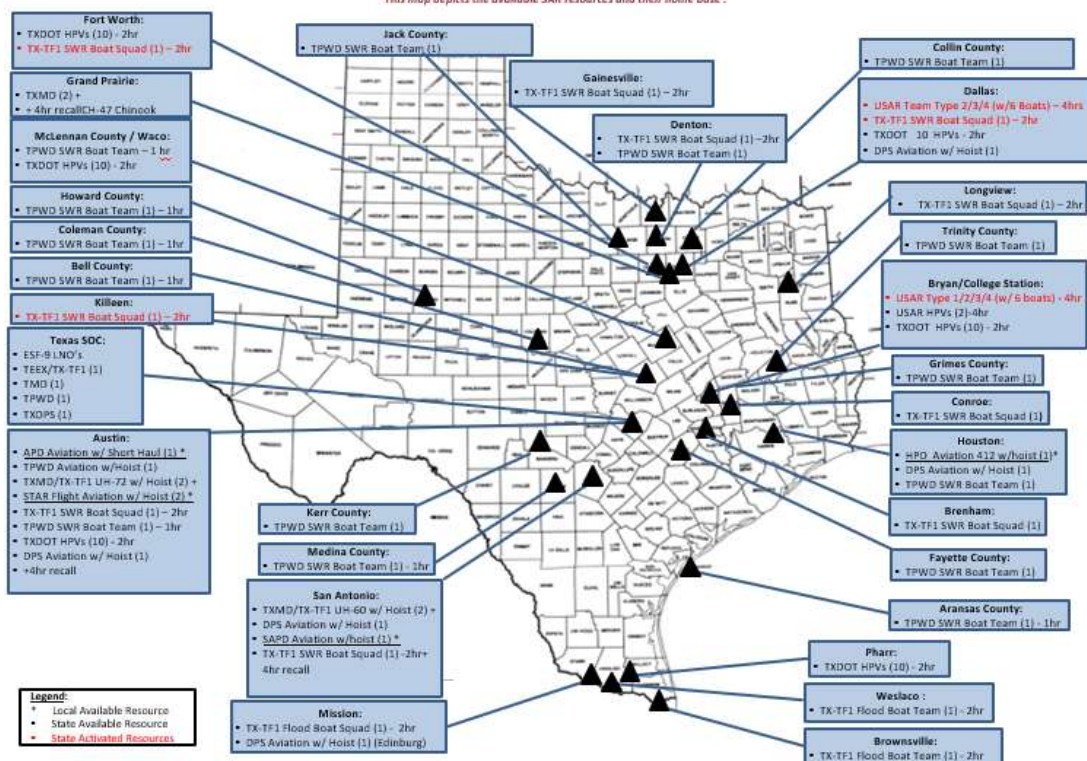
TDEM Communications Coordination Group (CCG): The CCG is working with their public, private, vendor and volunteer partners to respond to possible communications outages caused by the severe weather event. The tornado that went through the city of Jacksboro impacted the cellular network supporting Jacksboro, resulting in a degraded network. The various cellular providers responded by deploying equipment and personnel. AT&T FirstNet deployed two SAT COLTs and associated personnel. Verizon deployed technicians and support equipment. The Commission on State Emergency Communication (CSEC) is confirming possible impacts to PSAP 9-1-1 service in Jack County.

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): Texas Task Force 1 & 2 (TX-TF1 & 2):

At the request of TDEM, deployed TX-TF1 as a Type-1 US&R team and TX-TF2 as a Type-3 US&R team in response to the forecasted severe weather. TX-TF1 is also activating 4 water rescue squads with a Water Group Supervisor to assist with potential flooding within the State of Texas. Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) is activated as a Type-1 US&R team and is staged in College Station, Texas. TX-TF2 is activated as a Type-3 US&R team and is engaged in search operations in Grayson Co., following tornado damage in several communities. Current operational plans will move TX-TF2 to Jacks Co. in the morning to conduct secondary searches in another impacted community. TX-TF1 Water Rescue Squads are activated and staging in Ft. Worth, Dallas, College Station, and Brenham. An ESF-9 Liaison has been deployed to DC 4B, Garland TX.

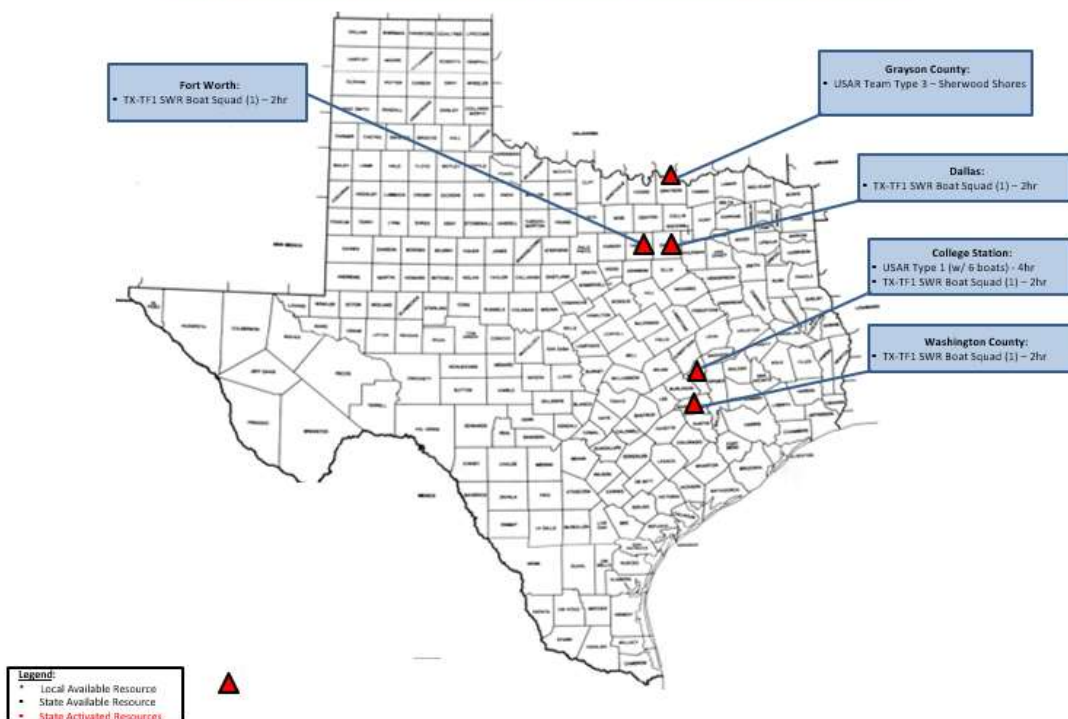
Available SAR Resources 03.22.2022 0300hrs

This map depicts the available SAR resources and their home base.



Activated SAR Resources Location 03.22.2022 0300hrs

This map depicts a snapshot in time. Resource locations are fluid based on response needs. Use normal resource request process for SAR assistance.



Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC was activated to the SOC effective 8:00 AM on Monday, March 21. The PUC has been tracking approximately 52,000 outages throughout the state, primarily in Central and East Texas. Local outages caused by severe weather have lessened as restoration crews work to effect repairs, while new outages are created in the Easterly path of the storms. Further outages are expected in East Texas.

Eagle-I: Power Outages as of 4:00AM 3/33. Region	Sum of Customers Out
Region 1	14,501
Region 2	17,365
Region 3	115
Region 4	160
Region 5	6,496
Region 6	9,752
Grand Total	48,389

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC is monitoring temporary natural gas service interruptions affecting the City of Carbon, City of Gorman, the City of Lipan, the City of Jacksboro, and the City of Round Rock. The natural gas service provider for the City of Gorman has restored service to nearly all customers. Natural gas service restoration efforts have begun for the City of Lipan. After assessing tornado damage, the natural gas service provider for the City of Jacksboro isolated service lines expected to be leaking and turned off meters serving damaged structures. The natural gas service provider for the City of Round Rock is planning to deploy advanced natural gas leak detection technicians to the area. The RRC will continue to work with the service providers and state and local partners until service is fully restored to these areas.

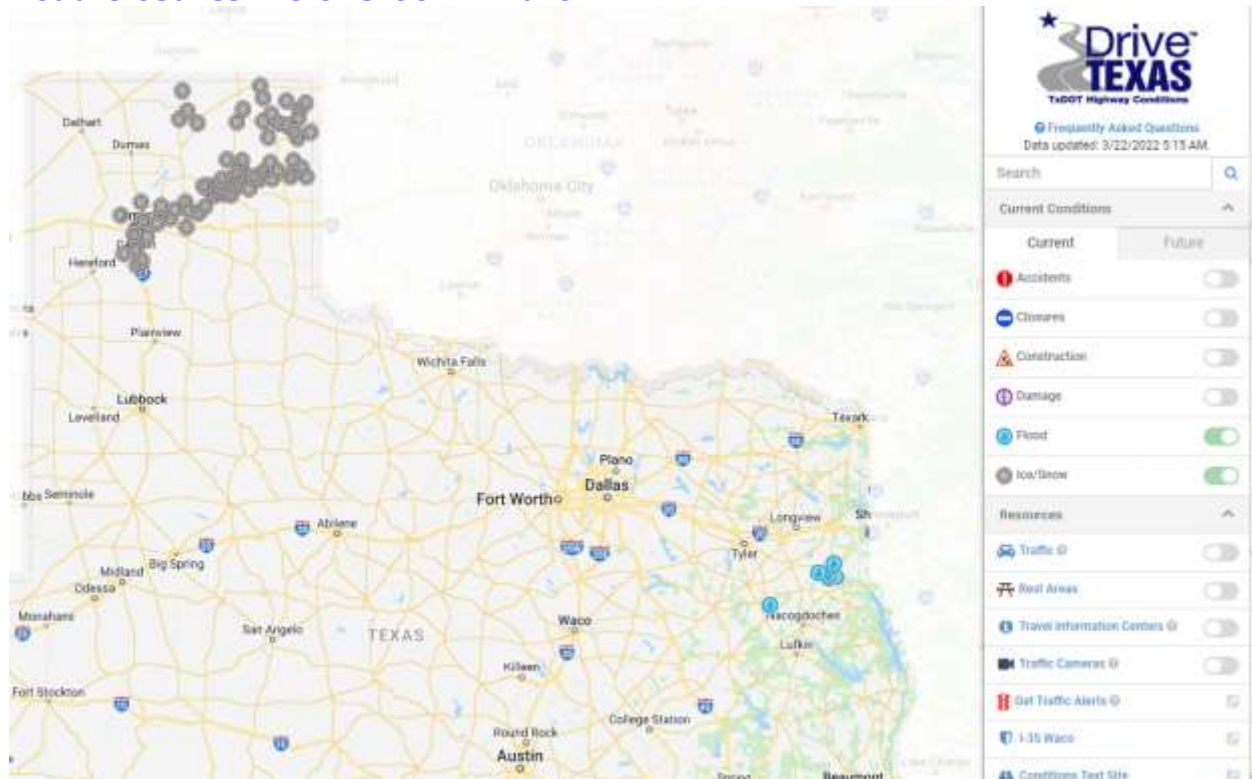
Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS): The remote State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) activated to support severe weather operations beginning at 8:00 AM March 18th. Severe storms with at least 11 tornadoes have caused damage across the state. Faith Community Hospital, Jacksboro, Jacks County lost power and enacted divert status. EMTF resources were deployed to assist in transport.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):
Crews in the Fort Worth District cleared roadways in Jack County from debris from a tornado Monday afternoon.

TxDOT has been plowing and de-icing roads in the Panhandle Region. There are 60 roadways listed with snow / ice conditions.

The Austin, Bryan, Lufkin, Tyler, and Atlanta Districts are patrolling and clearing roads of trees and debris from the overnight storms.

Road Closures: As of 5:00AM March 22.



Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC began staffing the SOC in support of emergency weather response operations on March 21. HHSC staff will remain in the SOC for the duration of the incident. HHSC is actively monitoring the situation. Long-term Care Regulation reports no impacted facilities currently. State Hospitals and State Supported Living Centers report no major impacts at this time. The Texas Information and Referral Network (TIRN) 2-1-1 is distributing information about wildfire shelters as needed. Ice, water, and freight vendors are on standby to respond as needed.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD has prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers equipped with swift water boats, shallow water boats, and a rescue helicopter to support boat rescue operations in areas affected by the Severe Weather Event. Also, TPWD personnel is continuing to be advised of the current weather conditions and are maintaining a state of readiness.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TEEX TXTF1	Type 1 US&R	58	15	Assigned	Brazos county
TEEX TX-TF2	Type 3 US&R	33	11	Assigned	Grayson County
TEEX TX-TF1	Swift Water Boat Team	26	9	Assigned	RSOC
TEEX TX-TF2	LNO	1	1	Assigned	Garland DDEOC
TEEX TX-TF1	LNO	2		Assigned	RSOC
DSHS	Severe Weather Package	42	1	Activated	College Station
DSHS	Severe Weather Package		1	Assigned	Jacksboro
PUC	Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC
RRC	Liaison	2		Assigned	RSOC
TXDPS	SOC LNO	1		Assigned	RSOC
TPWD	Liaison	2		Assigned	RSOC
TPWD	4x4 Vehicle	2	2	Assigned	RSOC
TxDOT	Liaison	2		Assigned	RSOC

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level I (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19, Wildfire Outbreak, and the Severe Weather. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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